

ECFS - Email Filing

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<TEXT> Please consider carefully changes to the Universal Service Fees. Those fees should be based on the volume of calls made, and how, not simply by the innevitable need to have a phone line!

It is reasonable to state that Home Depot benefits far more from having access to our phone system than the normal home owner. Home Depot continuing our example, relies on the phone system, and would in fact lose money, and customers if they were deprived of phone network access. For a normal homeowner, the loss of phone access is irritating, but is unlikely to cause more expenses to be incurred.

Therefore, since Home depot and other large businesses depend so heavily on the phone system, they should pay for the lions share of the fees connected to USF. Diluting the expenses of the USF away from business will only drive persons such as myself, to move to forms of communication that you currently LACK THE AUTHORITY to impose the USF on. IE voice over internet protocol & others.

It is my opinion, that changes in the USF are contrary to the public interest unless those changes place more of the burden for the upkeep and maintainance of the network on businesses themselves.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to

move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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